

handful of men belonging to those communities amongst the Tahsildars; but amongst the Proverthicans they were very few indeed. As far as the Catholics were concerned, they were completely ignored in the Department. Government should formulate and enforce definite measures for the removal of the disabilities of the Catholics.

The claims of the Catholics were similarly ignored in the Education, Public Works, Medical, Registration and Co-operative Departments. In the High Court and the Huzur Office, Catholics were not appointed in the lower grades, nor were Catholic Vakils selected for appointments in the Judicial Department. The policy of the Government should undergo a radical change. Promises were of no avail unless they were accompanied by performances. A scheme should be formulated for the distribution of appointments on the basis of the numerical strength of the various communities. All Heads of Departments should be specially instructed to confer appointments on members of unrepresented communities. Government were referring the matter to a special Committee. On the basis of the "Rotation scheme" of Madras or any similar scheme, definite rules should be laid down for the distribution of appointments according to the numerical strength of each community.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിന് ആരെ ഏകദേശം നവീകരണത്തിന് പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതികൾ മറുസാമാജികന്മാരും ഇവിടെ പ്രതിപാദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അതിലേക്ക് ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റി രൂപീകരിക്കാൻ പോകുന്നുണ്ട്. ആ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടിനുമേൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽ നിന്നും ആലോചിക്കാം.

[A Committee is to be appointed to examine the question of communal representation in the service. Government will decide the question after receipt of the Committee's report.]

175. Catholic Christians and the public service.

MR. ULAHANNAN ULAHANNAN (*Minachil taluk, Group II*), speaking in Malayalam, said that the adequate representation of every community in public service had long been a subject of representation in the Assembly and elsewhere. No other community had suffered so grievously as the Catholic community by the apathy of the Government. It was widely regretted that the Government had done little or nothing to remedy the grievances of the Catholics who formed an important community in the State by virtue of their numerical strength, educational attainments and material well-being.

The Catholic community was not benefited by the Revenue-Devaswom separation. Government should devise means for helping the Catholics to attain their legitimate objective; and the pledges made to them should be redeemed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാൻ ഒരു കമ്മിറ്റിയെ ഏറ്റെടുത്താൻ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ശുപാർശനത്തിൽപിന്നെ നോക്കിപ്പോയാൽ.

[Your representation will be considered after the receipt of the report of the committee which is to be appointed to examine the question of communal representation in the public service.]

176. Public service and communal representation.

MR. NARAYANAN KOCHUPILLAI KYMAL (*Shertallai taluk, Group II*), speaking in Malayalam, said that the distribution of appointments on a communal basis led to the deterioration of the tone and efficiency of the public service. The administrative machinery was meant for the whole subject population and not for any single community.

There was communal discord in the country, as the result of a general misconception of the aims and objects of public service. Government service was service of the public and in it there was no place for self-interest and communal claims. Individuals should be sought to fill appointments, but appointments should not be created or distributed for the sake of individuals. The distribution of appointments should be governed by educational qualifications and efficiency and not by communal considerations. There were men of merit in all communities and merit should be the qualification required for making appointments.

The member then made some suggestions for putting an end to the agitation for communal representation. The salary attached to most appointments should be reduced. In respect of the lower appointments, there was no communal strife. The principle of territorial representation, which was followed in the case of the Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council, should be accepted in the case of public service also. In the Shertallai taluk there were many qualified men but very few of them were entertained in service.

A general enquiry should be made regarding the representation given to the various taluks in the public service. Communal claims should have no place in the scheme of territorial representation.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ പബ്ലിക് സർവ്വീസിലേക്ക് ആരും തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഇതേവരെ നടന്ന നിലവിലുള്ള നിന്നും പുതുസ്ഥമായ രാജിപ്രായമാണ് പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ചത്. ഇതിലേക്കാധി നിയമിക്കുന്ന കമ്മിറ്റി ഇന്ന് പദ്ധതി അനുസരിച്ചു വേണം പ്രവൃത്തിക്കാൻ എന്ന നിർബന്ധിക്കാൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. നിങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായംകൂടി ആ കമ്മിറ്റിക്ക് അയച്ചു റിപ്പോർട്ട് (report) വരുത്താം.

[You have suggested a new solution to the problem of recruitment to the service. Your representation will also be referred to the committee proposed to be appointed.]